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Of the minorities in Stara Zagora, there is a considerable number of Turks, who even have their own schools, and some Armenians. There are no longer any Jews, as they have emigrated.

Freedom of Movement

6. There are no restrictions on being outside before 12:00 midnight. At night there are Militia patrols, however, who request identification of individuals whom they do not recognize.

Hotels

7. Among the hotels in Stara Zagora are the Trakya and the Chirpan, both of which were formerly privately-owned, but now they are owned and operated by the State. The Trakya is on the main street; the Chirpan is on a side street.

Education

8. There is no high school in Stara Zagora. There is a technical lycee, a commercial lycee, a boys' and a girls' lycee, and carpentry and planing courses. The technical lycee graduates construction and surveying technicians. The technical and commercial lycees accept both boys and girls.

Entertainment

- 9. There are a theater and two cinemas in Stara Zagora. The theater, called Naroden Tiyater (National Theater) was built privately. It is on the main street, next to the park. It has a large hall and is painted light yellow. One of the two cinemas is located opposite the park on the main street; the other is on Boulevard Georgi Dimitrov.
- 10. The chief enthusiasm for team sports is for football (soccer). There is a soccer field to the east of the city park; it has no seats.

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